

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND PLEDGE

The January 21, 2020 Regular Business Meeting of the Monroe City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas at 7:00 p.m.; Monroe City Hall, Council Chambers.

Councilmembers present: Scarboro, Hanford, Rasmussen, Davis, Rousey, and Gamble.

Staff members present: Barr, Hasart, Swanson, Jolley, Warthan, Restall, Johns, and Feilberg

Mayor Thomas noted, without objection, the excused absence of Councilmember Cudaback. No objections were noted.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Thomas.

FINAL ACTION

1. Oath of Office – Councilmember Jason Gamble

Mayor Thomas noted that Councilmember Gamble was not available on December 10, 2019, when other Councilmembers were sworn-in.

Mayor Thomas administered the Oath of Office for Councilmember Gamble.

2. AB20-001: Waive Council Rules of Procedure – Business Meeting Format

Mayor Thomas noted that due to inclement weather, the January 14 business meeting was cancelled.

Councilmember Rasmussen moved to waive Council Rules of Procedure to allow final action to be taken at a study session; and to hold a business meeting instead of a study session on Tuesday, January 21, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hanford. On vote,

Motion carried (6-0)

3. AB20-002: Municipal Court Judge Contract

Mr. Warthan provided background information on AB20-002 and reviewed the recruitment process.

Mayor Thomas commented on the interview and selection process; and introduced Municipal Court Judge Jessica Ness. Judge Ness thanked Council for their consideration.

Councilmember Hanford moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Municipal Judge agreement with Jessica Ness; and expressly authorize further minor revisions deemed necessary or appropriate. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gamble. On vote,

Motion carried (6-0)

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. AB20-003: Confirmation of Appointment for Municipal Court Judge Jessica Ness

Mayor Thomas noted his confidence in the abilities of Judge Ness serving as Municipal Court Judge.

Councilmember Rousey moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Jessica Ness as Monroe Municipal Court Judge. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gamble. On vote,

Motion carried (6-0)

The Honorable Judge Steven Clough officiated the swearing-in ceremony of Judge Ness.

2. AB20-004: Swearing-In Ceremony for New Police Officer

Police Chief Jolley thanked the audience for attending the night's swearing in ceremonies; and thanked former Monroe Municipal Judge Mara Rozzano for officiating the police department's swearing-in ceremonies. Chief Jolley introduced Officer Alex Nelson and provided history of Officer Nelson's accomplishments.

The Honorable Judge Mara Rozzano conducted the Oath of Office for new Police Officer Alex Nelson.

3. AB20-005: Swearing-In Ceremony for Deputy Police Chief

Chief Jolley provided background on Deputy Chief Ryan Irving's career and accomplishments.

The Honorable Judge Mara Rozzano commented on her prior working relationship with Deputy Chief Irving; and conducted the Oath of Office for Deputy Police Chief Ryan Irving.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. AB20-006: Snohomish County Prosecuting Attorney Adam Cornell – Support of Felony Drug Charges

Mayor Thomas introduced Prosecuting Attorney Adam Cornell.

Mr. Cornell acknowledged his colleagues in the audience; and provided Council with a brief background of his career.

Mr. Cornell thanked Council for their support with efforts to reverse the 2 gram threshold for felony drug prosecutions; and reviewed the Innovative Justice Initiative.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were comments from the audience.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the Minutes: November 19, 2019, Study Session; December 3, 2019, Study Session; December 10, 2019, Business Meeting
2. Approval of AP Checks and ACH Payments
3. Approval of Payroll Warrants and ACH Payments
4. AB20-007: Municipal Court Assessment Contract Award (*D. Knight*)
5. AB20-008: Accept Project/Begin Lien Period for Cascade View Drive Water Main Project (*S. Peterson*)
6. AB20-009: Accept Project/Begin Lien Period for 132nd Street Water Main Project (*S. Peterson*)
7. AB20-010: Accept Project/Begin Lien Period for 182nd Avenue Water Main Project (*S. Peterson*)
8. AB20-011: Authorize Mayor to Sign Supplement Agreement No. 5 with WH Pacific for Chain Lake Road Phase 2a, Civil and Structural Design Services (*S. Peterson*)
9. AB20-012: Interagency Agreement with Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission for the River Interpretive and Wayfinding Signage Project (*M. Farrell*)
10. AB20-013: 2020 Skyhawks Sports Camps Agreement (*M. Farrell*)
11. AB20-014: Authorize Preparation of Plans and Specifications/Solicitation of Bids for Construction (2020 Capital Improvement Projects) (*S. Peterson*)
12. AB20-015: Accept E2SHB 1923 Grant Funding to Address Housing Affordability and Authorize the Mayor to Sign Department of Commerce Agreement to Adopt a Housing Action Plan (*B. Swanson*)
13. AB20-016: Interagency Agreement with the Arlington Municipal Airport (*J. Jolley*)

Councilmember Rasmussen moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scarboro. On vote,
Motion carried (6-0)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. AB20-017: 2018-2019 Comprehensive Plan Amendment (*B. Swanson*)

Mr. Swanson provided background information on AB20-017, reviewed the proposal descriptions; and reviewed the Planning Commission recommendations.

Council engaged in discussion.

Councilmember Hanford moved to deny the Planning Commission's recommendations included in the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, as contained in Attachment 10 of AB20-014. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis. On vote,

Motion failed (2-4)

Councilmember Gamble moved to adopt the Planning Commission's recommendation, included in the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, as contained in Attachment 10 of AB20-014. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rousey. On vote,

Motion carried (4-1-1)

Councilmember Gamble moved to adopt Ordinance No. 026-2019, relating to the 2018-2019 Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendment Docket Cycle, approving proposed amendments CPA2018-A, CPA2018-B; and deny CPA2018-01 to the 2015-2035 Comprehensive Plan; providing for severability, and establishing an effective date. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rousey. On vote,

Motion failed (1-5)

Councilmember Gamble moved to rescind the motion to adopt the Planning Commission's recommendation included in the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, as contained in Attachment 10 of AB20-014. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hanford¹. On vote,

Motion failed (0-6)

Councilmember Gamble moved to reconsider the motion to adopt the Planning Commission's recommendation included in the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, as contained in Attachment 10 of AB20-014. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hanford. On vote,

Motion carried (6-0)

Council engaged in discussion. Would like to vote again to adopt the Planning Commission's recommendation.

Councilmember Gamble moved to adopt the Planning Commission's recommendation, included in the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, as contained in Attachment 10 of AB20-014. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rousey. On vote,

Motion failed (1-5)

¹ Discussion ensued related to Robert's Rules of Order and whether to rescind or reconsider the motion.

Discussion ensued regarding additional consideration and direction by the Planning Commission.

Councilmember Gamble moved to adopt Ordinance 026/2019, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO THE 2018-2019 ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT CYCLE; AMENDING THE 2015-2035 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE MAP; ADOPTING THE MONROE AND SNOHOMISH SCHOOL DISTRICTS' 2018-2023 CAPITAL FACILITIES PLANS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; and remand the rezone back to the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rousey. On vote,
Motion carried (6-0)

NEW BUSINESS

1. AB20-018: City of Monroe Prosecution Contract

Chief Jolley provided background information on AB20-018; reviewed the Request for Proposal (RFP) process; highlighted the services provided; and introduced Attorney Chad W. Krepps with Zachor & Thomas, Inc., P.S. Mr. Krepps commented on the firm's relationship with the city.

Councilmember Rasmussen moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract for prosecution services with Zachor and Thomas, Inc., in substantially the form presented; and expressly authorize further minor revisions as deemed necessary or appropriate. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hanford. On vote,

Motion carried (6-0)

2. AB20-019: Selection of 2020 Mayor Pro Tem; Council Committees; and Various Council Appointments

Mayor Thomas provided background information on AB20-019.

Councilmember Hanford moved to appoint Councilmember Davis as Mayor Pro Tempore for 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Scarboro. On vote,

Motion carried (6-0)

Discussion ensued related to the French Creek Flood Control District Joint Board. Consensus of the Council was not to appoint a Councilmember at this time.

Councilmember Gamble moved to appoint Councilmember Rousey as the Council representative to the Snohomish County Tomorrow Steering

Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hanford. On vote,

Motion carried (6-0)

Councilmember Hanford moved to support the appointment of Snohomish Councilmember Linda Redmon to continue serving as the Snohomish County Board of Health District 5 Representative. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis. On vote,

Motion carried (6-0)

Councilmember Gamble moved to appoint Councilmembers Rousey and Gamble to review and sign bills for 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hanford. On vote,

Motion carried (6-0)

Councilmember Hanford moved to assign Councilmembers Davis, Cudaback, and Hanford to the 2020 Public Safety Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gamble. On vote,

Motion carried (6-0)

Councilmember Gamble moved to assign Councilmembers Gamble, Cudaback, and Scarboro to the 2020 Finance and Human Resources Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hanford. On vote,

Motion carried (6-0)

Councilmember Scarboro moved to Councilmembers Scarboro, Hanford, and Davis to the 2020 Legislative Affairs Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gamble. On vote,

Motion carried (6-0)

Councilmember Rousey moved to assign Councilmembers Rousey, Davis, and Rasmussen to the 2020 Transportation/Planning, Parks & Recreation, and Public Works (P3) Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Gamble. On vote,

Motion carried (6-0)

3. AB20-020: 2020-2021 Council Seating Arrangements

Mayor Thomas provided background information on AB20-020.

Council engaged in discussion. Councilmember Hanford moved to the seat to the left of Councilmember Gamble. Councilmember Rousey moved to Councilmember Hanford's previous seat.

4. AB20-021: 2020 Council Meetings Schedule

Mayor Thomas provided background information on AB20-021. Council discussed the proposed schedule.

Councilmember Rasmussen moved to approve the 2020 council meeting schedule, as proposed; and determining all regular business/study session meetings presented as 'cancelled' to be officially cancelled and noticed accordingly. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hanford. On vote,

Motion carried (6-0)

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

1. Finance/Human Resources Committee Update

Councilmember Gamble provided a Finance/Human Resources Committee update.

2. Legislative Affairs Committee Update

Councilmember Davis provided a Legislative Affairs Committee update.

3. Public Safety Committee Update

Councilmember Davis provided a Public Safety Committee update.

STAFF/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Finance

Ms. Hasart noted the materials provided in the agenda packet.

2. Human Resources

Mr. Warthan noted the materials provided in the agenda packet; and commented on the current open positions.

3. Police

Chief Jolley commented on the materials provided in the agenda packet.

4. Parks & Recreation

Ms. Johns noted the materials provided in the agenda packet; and commented on the Jayme Biendl Memorial 5K Fun Run.

5. Public Works

Mr. Feilberg noted the materials provided in the agenda packet; and commented on rain related activity at the City's wastewater treatment plant.

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor Thomas reported on the following topics:

- Meeting with legislators on Thursday to advocate for city priorities
- Attending AWC City Action Days next week

Mr. Swanson provided an update on the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Growth Management Planning Board's recommendation regarding growth strategy and presented Council with a draft letter in support of the Board's recommendation.

Councilmember Hanford moved to approve Mayor Pro Tem Davis to sign the letter summarized by the Community Development Director. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rousey. On vote,

Motion carried (6-0)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. To discuss two items related to property acquisition pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b)

Mayor Thomas noted the need for an executive session for approximately five minutes total to discuss items related to property acquisition [RCW 42.30.110(1)(b)] and read the appropriate citation into the record.

The meeting recessed into executive session at 9:36 p.m.; was extended for an additional fifteen minutes; and reconvened at 9:57 p.m. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting reconvened to regular session at 9:57 p.m. There being no further business, the motion was made by Councilmember Rousey and seconded by Councilmember Gamble to adjourn the meeting. On vote,

Motion carried (6-0)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:58 p.m.

Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor

Gina Pfister, Clerical Specialist